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REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that no new issues requiring further detailed consideration or search have been presented by the proposed amendments and that entry of the claim amendments is appropriate under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Entry of the amendment at least for purposes of appeal is respectfully requested in view of the fact that they present rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal by adopting examiner suggestions (37 C.F.R. 1.116, MPEP § 1207).

The amendments to the claims have been submitted to improve the clarity of the subject matter for which protection is sought in accordance with the claim objections and claim rejections noted under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The amendments were not made to avoid prior art, as it is believed that the original claims are fully patentable over the cited prior art. Rather, in reviewing the claim language it was perceived that some of the language could be improved to more clearly define the inventive subject matter.

And regarding the rejection of Claim 21 under § 112, it appears that the Action has overly, narrowly interpreted the dependent claim in light of the specification. Particularly, support for the recited active circuit components may be found, for example, on page 3, lines 7-9.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicants' Attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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